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## MFT Powwow Returns, Bringing Spirit and Song to Northern Nevada

By Leanna Lehman

*The third annual Moving Forward Together Powwow returns to the Rafter 3C Arena in Fallon, May 30 - June 1, offering an intertribal gathering, dance, and celebration. The free, family-friendly, alcohol-free event honors Native tradition, resilience, and community—all centered in the heart of Churchill County.*

Hosted by local Native organizers and supported by Churchill Community Coalition and the Native Voters Alliance of Nevada, the powwow reflects its namesake: a continued movement forward—together.

This year's Host Drum is the Black Lodge Singers, one of the most respected northern-style drum groups on the powwow circuit. Led by Kenny Scabby Robe (Blackfeet), his wife Louise (Yakama), and their 12 sons, the group has traveled the U.S. and Canada



Master of Ceremonies, Hank Johnson. Photo courtesy of MFT Powwow.

since 1981, recording more than 20 albums and sharing their sound across generations.

Returning as Master of Ceremonies is Hank Johnson, a well-known voice in powwow circles. A member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and of Washoe and Paiute heritage, Johnson is a Northern Traditional dancer who blends cultural leadership with humor and mentorship.

He lives in Hungry Valley and is known for supporting youth both in the arena and through sports programs. Known affectionately as “Uncle Hank,” his presence brings warmth and familiarity to the arena.

Arena Director Jerry Bear comes from Skull Valley, Utah, and represents Southern Paiute and Goshute heritage. He's been part of the powwow world since he was a kid and has spent the past 31 years directing and announcing across the West. Off the dance grounds, Jerry works as a heavy equipment operator and Assistant Fire Chief, but

powwow is a family affair—he travels with his wife Leanne, their sons, and now a granddaughter who lights up the family circle. His small business, Bear Sound Systems, has supported Native events across the West for nearly three decades.

This year's Head Dancers are William Koipa Dick and Shirley Cypher.

William, 23, is from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe and has been dancing Northern Traditional since he could walk.

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## Caps Off to the CCHS Class of 2025

Staff Report

The Churchill County High School Class of 2025 graduated Friday evening, May 23, under clear skies and a stadium full of proud families and friends. This year's graduating class included two co-valedictorians and a Jump Start valedictorian—part of a dual-enrollment program that allows students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously through Western Nevada College. The ceremony featured heartfelt speeches, encouraging words to carry graduates into new adventures, and a few teary goodbyes. As the final notes of “Pomp and Circumstance” faded and cheers echoed across the field, the Class of 2025 capped off their commencement with a joyful toss into the night sky. With diplomas in hand and futures ahead, graduates launched their caps skyward—marking the end of one chapter and the bold beginning of the next.



CCHS Graduation, 2025. Photo by Kaitlin Ritchie.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain’s Log

Where There’s Rope, There’s a Way

By Rachel Dahl

You never know when you’ll need long-forgotten skills and how they are, in fact, just like bike riding, lying dormant in our repertoire for the exact right moment.

Leanna had a little get-together at her place on Memorial Day, so grandson Rhett and I stopped over to spend some time and eat grilled meat.

Rhett and Ellie, Leanna’s granddaughter, were entertaining themselves quite well, throwing a football back and forth, when Rhett decided for some reason that kicking it would be more satisfying.

In perfect eight-year-old form, he let it rip, and the ball ended up out in the alfalfa field, and his shoe ended up sailing, arcing, and landing beautifully on the roof of the house.

Halfway up the very steep pitch where no broom or rake had any hope of reaching.

We assured the kids that Ellie’s dad would be more than happy after dinner to find the ladder and figure out how to get the errant shoe, and all would be well.

The longer we sat and visited, the more worried Rhett got about shoe recovery, and Leanna suggested that we rouse Tyler to come rope it. The kids ran into the house and returned with a really nice but covered-in-dust riata, a braided rawhide rope used for roping cattle, that Leanna said she’s had since high school rodeo days.

And, of course, memories came flooding back, and she told us the real story about the rope – that she had won it playing poker. I said, “Hey, I think I was there that night. Weren’t we out dancing at Whiskey River?”

She laughed and reminded me we hadn’t been old enough to be dancing or at Whiskey River or playing poker.

Tyler had to appear, so I took the riata and resettled the coils, assessing the weight and the feel. It was a little short as riatas go – I remember using my dad’s, who loved a 60-foot length, but we’re talking a shoe on a roof, not desert cattle through the sagebrush.

Turning to assess the shoe on the roof situation, I realized there was a definite tree handicap and the funny angle of roping something far above my head and upward away from me.

I built a loop, calculated the angle, dodged the tree branches, and threw one to see what we were working with—high and outside. I felt more like Wonder Woman and her golden lasso than a cowgirl dragging something to the branding fire.

I had to get out of the trees, but that created more distance than seemed like would work. It occurred to me when Dad taught us to rope cattle that a distance shot could require a double loop, so I got myself set up and let it sail, coming up a tad short. Now, I was determined on principle alone, so I built another loop and spun it a little faster than I liked, giving myself a bit more momentum and letting it fly – up, up, and down. It softly settled over the rogue shoe, so I pulled it down to a mightily relieved little Rhett.

We all just laughed that it even worked at all, and I thought of all the times after dinner at Dad’s when he ends up on the lawn with a passel of grandkids roping the calf dummy, an activity I do not normally join but enjoy watching.

So, while we sharpen our roping skills down at Fallon Media Co. (the calf dummy will be out back and the riatas hanging on the wall at everyone’s desk), we’ll still be right here...

... Keeping you Posted.

—Rach

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Head Dancer William Dick. Photo by Nonstar Photography.

Representing his community with pride, William will host the All Men's Traditional Special on Saturday night, a high-energy contest that invites men of all ages and backgrounds to take the floor.

Shirley Cypher, from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, will serve as Head Lady Dancer. A lifelong powwow participant, Shirley is best known for her love of jingle dress dancing and her upbeat, welcoming spirit. She will host the Women's Old Style Jingle Special (ages 13+), with prizes awarded for first, second, and third place.

Other specials throughout the day include:

- Orange Dress Special – Hosted by Lida George, ages 13+, Saturday afternoon.
- Boot and Hat Special – Sponsored by the Buckaroo Traditions Gathering, honoring Nevada's buckaroo and cowboy families. Saturday afternoon, open to all ages.
- Red Dress Special – Sponsored by War Party Ranch, with a grand prize trip for the winning dancer and two friends to attend a bison field harvest in Montana this fall. Includes hands-on training in butchering and fieldwork (travel not included; room and board provided).

In addition to the powwow, the Great Basin Tribal Alliance Meeting will be held Friday, May 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Barrel Room at the Churchill County Fairgrounds. Hosted by the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and supported by the Intertribal Agriculture Council, the gathering is open to tribal leadership, youth, elders, and allies.

The Moving Forward Together Powwow is more than a cultural event—it's a shared space for stories, songs, and survival. Elders, parents, and children gather shoulder to shoulder, keeping traditions alive not through memory alone, but through motion, music, and shared breath in the dance arena. Whether it's your first powwow or your fiftieth, there's space in the circle for all.

Indigenous Arts Market and Youth Voice Night, May 30, Social Powwow, May 31 – June 1. For details, visit [facebook.com/MFTPowwow](https://facebook.com/MFTPowwow). Everyone is welcome.



FEATURES

Art, Ice Cream, and a Cause – Sweet Summer Spin on “Empty Bowls”

By Lucy L. Carnahan

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser and awareness campaign focused on raising money for food-related charities and organizations working to combat hunger. It typically involves community members creating and donating handcrafted ceramic—or other types of—bowls, which are then used to serve soup and bread during a fundraising dinner. Attendees contribute to the cause by purchasing a bowl and a meal, and at the end of the event, they get to keep the bowl as a reminder of their involvement and the issue of hunger.

In 2022, Carol Lloyd, then-director of the Churchill County Library, worked with the Fallon Chamber of Commerce to bring an Empty Bowls event to Fallon, Nevada. It was held during the winters of 2022 and 2023. Each library board member volunteered for the event.

Fallon's version of Empty Bowls included a unique local twist: anyone who arrived with either a cash donation for the library or a nonperishable food item for the Chamber’s Karma Box could choose a handmade bowl crafted by Churchill County High School art students. That bowl was then filled with donated soup, and guests were invited to enjoy their meal onsite. Everyone took their bowl home as a lasting reminder of the importance of addressing hunger in our community.

The event was paused when a new library director stepped in and the Chamber no longer had a facility large enough to host it.

In late 2024, Jeanne Evatt, art instructor at Western Nevada College (WNC), contacted the library association about reviving the event. The chair of the library board reached out to Lucy L. Carnahan, executive director of the Fallon Chamber. From the first meeting, it was clear the idea had traction.

This time around, WNC offered use of its facility, and the team decided not to wait for winter and soup season. Instead, Empty Bowls: Summer Edition was born—with an ice cream social.

To help prepare for the main event, a volunteer gathering was held on Friday, May 16, to paint and prep bowls.



The public is invited to join in on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the WNC Fallon Campus. Attendees are asked to bring either a cash donation or nonperishable food items for the Fallon Cares Boxes (formerly known as the Karma Box). In return, they’ll get to choose a handmade bowl and head to the ice cream station for one or two scoops, topped however they like from a build-your-own toppings bar.

It’s a family-friendly event and a chance to visit with neighbors, enjoy sweet treats, and support a meaningful cause. See you Sunday, June 1, at the WNC Fallon Campus.

Churchill Arts Council Presents “Art in Bloom” Gala on June 7

By Rachel Dahl

The Churchill Arts Council is rolling out the red carpet for one of its most anticipated events of the year — Evening with the Arts: Art in Bloom — an elegant, art-filled gala fundraiser happening Saturday, June 7, at the Oats Park Art Center.

This annual celebration invites the community to gather in support of the arts while enjoying an unforgettable evening of food, music, and creativity. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers, followed by a gourmet dinner catered by Fallon's favorite, The Slanted Porch.

Guests will be treated to a live performance by local musician Evan Martin, known for his soulful vocals and acoustic styling. A full bar will be available throughout the

evening, including signature cocktails crafted specially for the event. Attendees are encouraged to dress to the theme — Art in Bloom — for a chance to be featured in photos by the on-site photographer, capturing the joy and artistry of the night.

One of the evening's highlights will be the silent and live auctions, offering an impressive selection of original artwork, curated gift baskets, and exclusive local experiences. All proceeds support the Churchill Arts Council's year-round programming, including art exhibitions, live performances, educational workshops, and outreach events that bring creativity and cultural enrichment to the region.

“This event is a celebration of the transformative power of the arts in our community,” said Robyn Jordan, Executive

Director of the Churchill Arts Council. “It's also an opportunity for us to come together, connect, and ensure the continued success of the arts in Churchill County.”

Volunteers are still needed to help make the night a success — from assisting with guest check-in to supporting auction activities. Those interested are encouraged to reach out and lend a hand in support of a great cause.

Tickets are limited and available now via Eventbrite or by contacting the Churchill Arts Council at (775) 423-1440 or info@churchillarts.org. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Oats Park Art Center on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Let's celebrate where creativity blossoms and community thrives — join us for Art in Bloom and help support the vibrant arts scene that makes Fallon shine.

Congratulations on Your Promotions!



Churchill County Middle School Principal Victor Schoenfeldt addresses 8th grade students during the promotion ceremony. Photo courtesy of CCSD.



Mrs. Erika Standford recognizing Riley Rebbetoy at Lahontan Elementary School kindergarten graduation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fallon Theatre Movies & More May 30-31

By Kelli Perez

Hello friends and supporters. Summer is just around the corner and we’re keeping the energy high with another exciting weekend lineup for all to enjoy.

At 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, join us for “Sonic the Hedgehog 3” (2024), the latest high-speed adventure starring everyone’s favorite blue blur. With thrilling action, sharp humor, and heartwarming friendship, this family-friendly film is perfect for fans of all ages. It’s rated PG and has a runtime of 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Then at 7 p.m., we shift gears with “Kraven the Hunter” (2024), a darker, action-packed Marvel origin story following Sergei Kravinoff, a legendary big-game hunter turned antihero. Known for his intense code of honor and brutal skills, Kraven takes center stage in this gritty addition to the Sony Spider-Man Universe. The film is rated R and runs approximately 2 hours and 7 minutes.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m., when the Fallon Theatre brings the volume with a night of live music featuring Acid Box and Cryptilians! Acid Box is a hard-hitting fusion of hard rock, heavy metal, punk, and blues straight from Fallon. Joining them are Cryptilians, a no-frills punk-adjacent band from Reno, boiled down to pure energy. Admission is just \$10 at the door, so come ready for a raw, powerful show that celebrates underground sound.

Looking ahead to the fall, our annual fundraising Show & Shine returns on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This community-



favorite car show is free to attend and open to all. If you'd like to show off your ride, sign-up info is available now at [fallontheatre.com](http://fallontheatre.com). There’ll be music, food, and fun for the whole family—don’t miss it.

As always, our auditorium and marquee are available for rentals. If you’re planning a special event, concert, or private screening, contact us at 775-423-6210 or email [thefallontheatre@gmail.com](mailto:thefallontheatre@gmail.com) to learn more.

Registration Open for PACC Kid’s Summer Dance Camp

Staff Report

*The Performing Arts of Churchill County is now accepting registrations for its first-ever PACC Summer Dance Camp, set to take place July 7–24 at the Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St.*

The camp is open to children ages 9 to 14 and offers instruction in multiple dance styles, including jazz, tap, ballet, contemporary, and ballroom. Sessions will run Monday through Friday, 6 to 7:30 p.m., and will culminate in a student showcase at the Oats Park Outdoor Theatre on July 25 at 6 p.m.

The registration fee is \$30 and includes a camp T-shirt. Space is limited, and registration will close on June 20. All fees are due by June 30 and are nonrefundable after the deadline. A waiting list will be available. Forms can be found on the PACC website.

Campers are encouraged to wear athletic clothing that allows for movement. Special dance shoes are not required, but students should bring socks for ballet and tennis shoes for other styles. A water bottle is also recommended.

In addition to the summer camp, PACC is currently seeking volunteers for its 2025–26 season, including a community musical production. Volunteer applications are available on the organization’s website.

Performing Arts of Churchill County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to enriching local culture by providing education and performance opportunities in music, dance, acting, and technical theater.



Adult Ed grads enjoy the customary cap toss. Photo courtesy of CCSD.

CCSD Adult Education Graduates Celebrate their Achievement

May 22 was a momentous day for the 28 adult students in Churchill County School District’s Adult Education Program. Walking across the stage and accepting their high school diplomas, they proved that perseverance pays off. Each one made the choice to keep going, to show up, and to finish what they started—no matter how long it took or what life threw in their path. With no small amount of hard work and the help of Chantell Redner, director of the Adult Diploma Program, students showed that their determination is a powerful reminder that the journey may not always be easy, but the finish line is always worth it.

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[caps@cccomm.net](mailto:caps@cccomm.net)

Say Hello to Rocky



Meet Rocky, a 5-year-old gray male cat with a half tail and a whole lot of love to give. Neutered, vaccinated, and healthy, Rocky is ready for a calm forever home. His half tail, likely from an old injury or birth defect, only adds to his charm. This gentle boy enjoys quiet company, soft blankets, and a sunny window. He’s low-maintenance and affectionate, soaking up attention without demanding it. Rocky is perfect for someone looking for a mellow companion with a kind heart. Visit him at CAPS or learn more at [capsnevada.org](http://capsnevada.org).

Fallon Animal Welfare Group is a 501(c)(3) charity supporting the welfare of cats in Churchill County, Nevada. Questions? Call 775-217-4745 or, for barn cats, call Pat at 775-217-7248.



OBITUARIES



CARRIE HINZ

Carrie was born in Bowbells, North Dakota to Fritz and Barbara Siemers on March 15, 1936. She grew up on a farm with her two sisters, Norma and Sally, on the windy plains of North Dakota. Carrie graduated from Bowbells High School and then attended Minot Teacher’s College where she met her future husband, Paul Hinz.

Paul and Carrie were married on June 10th, 1960 at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and then moved to Harrogate, England for Paul’s assignment in the U.S. Army. Upon completion of his duty in Harrogate,

Paul separated from the army and they eventually made their way to Fallon, Nevada.

In Fallon, Carrie began teaching seventh grade English for Churchill County School District. Carrie retired after a 30-year teaching career. Throughout their years in Fallon, Paul and Carrie attended the First Baptist Church. Carrie taught several Sunday school classes, a women’s Bible study, and was church recorder at various times during her membership.

Carrie is survived by two children, Michele and Michael, five grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

MICHAEL E. CALLEAS  
May 18, 1954 – May 21, 2025

Michael E. Calleas was born May 18, 1954, to Robert and Jean Calleas. He married the love of his life, Terri Akins, in 1975.

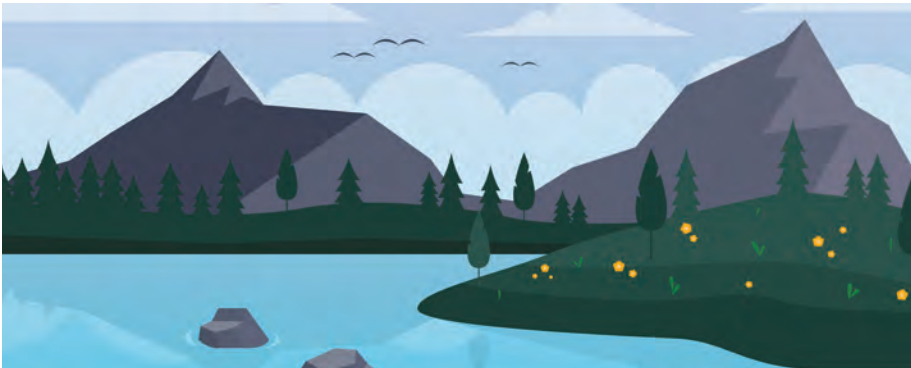
Mike was an avid basketball player, coach, and fan. He was a member of the 1971 state championship basketball team and continued playing in the city league well into his 40s. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. A gifted carpenter and carpet installer, he could build anything.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Terri Akins Calleas; and his mother-in-law, Rosemary Peterson.

He is survived by his sister, Pam (Brad) Hallam; brother-in-law, Dave (Beth) Akins; son, David (Malinda) Calleas; daughter, Kristy (David) Hoffmann; and beloved grandchildren, Colton and Kaitlynn Hoffmann. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed.

Services will be held Friday, June 6, 2025, at 3 p.m. at The Venue (formerly The Waterhole), 111 South Allen Road, Fallon, Nevada. A potluck meal will be served.

Arrangements are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home.



WATER LEVELS

Measurements Taken May 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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Thursday, June 5

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COMMUNITY

# Valedictorians Ready to Take on the World

## Reflect on Hard Work, Gratitude, and Possibilities

Speeches and photos courtesy of CCHS

Churchill County High School’s Class of 2025 heard from three co-valedictorians during this year’s graduation ceremony, each offering a heartfelt message shaped by personal experience, determination, and deep appreciation for the people who supported them.

Brody Hughes, Halle Johnson, and Mason Storm each brought their own voice and vision to the podium, touching on themes of perseverance, gratitude, and the promise of what comes next.

Brody Hughes opened with thanks to those who helped him reach this milestone, then delivered a direct message about mindset and ambition.

“Take risks. Now I’m not implying that you go gamble your life savings away, but take the steps that others are too scared to take... Chase your dreams with all that you have, and I promise that even if you fail in the end, you will feel much more content than if you were to think ‘what if I had just tried’ for the rest of your life.”

He encouraged his classmates to face life’s challenges with perspective and resolve.

“Admittedly, it is difficult to have a good attitude 24/7, 365, but your attitude about life can make a significant difference... You may not always have control of what the future throws at you, but I promise you that you always have the choice to tackle it with a good, positive attitude.”

Hughes credited his father with instilling in him a strong work ethic.

“Something I learned from my father is to prioritize hard work and having a strong work ethic. I remember whenever I would be



Brody Hughes



Halle Johnson



Mason Storm

moaning and groaning about a task, he’d tell me the same thing: ‘It’s time to turn on the work mode switch, work hard and play hard later.’

Closing with, “I know all of you are capable of doing great things. Now, get out there and change the world.”

Halle Johnson brought a mix of humor and heart to her speech, acknowledging both the excitement and uncertainty that come with graduating.

“Tonight is the night we leave the familiar and comfortable halls of our high school and into a world full of possibilities, bills, and real-life challenges... But even through all of that... here we are. We made it. We are ready to take on the world.”

She took time to thank the teachers who served as more than just educators.

“They haven’t just been educators. They have been our guides, sometimes our therapists, and even our friends... Thank you for having an impact on our lives and guiding us through these last four years.”

Johnson ended on a hopeful note, reminding her class to carry their strength forward.

“Although our high school journey is ending, our life is just beginning... After we cross this stage we start the greatest journey of all – life.”

Jump Start valedictorian Mason Storm reflected on shared experiences and memories that shaped his high school years.

“All of you have your own memories from your time here at CCHS, and no matter what they are, cherish them and keep them with you as you continue on your path through life.”

He encouraged his classmates not to let high school be their peak experience.

“As you go forward, keep pushing to make each day better than the one before. Let your time here serve as a stepping stone... continue to make new ones that put the ones you already possess to shame.”

Storm closed with a challenge to pursue dreams with dedication and strength, quoting President Theodore Roosevelt:

“You will experience setbacks, you will encounter rough times, but be willing to push through and come out on top. As Theodore Roosevelt once said, ‘Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty...’”

Together, the speeches painted a clear picture of a class ready to move forward—grounded in gratitude, motivated by their goals, and united in the shared experience of growing up together.

To read the complete valedictorian speeches, visit [thefallonpost.org](http://thefallonpost.org).

**“We made it.  
We are ready to  
take on the world.”**  
**— Halle Johnson,  
Class of 2025**

## CCHS Senior Brody Hughes Awarded Inaugural Tom Dolan Scholarship

Staff Report

Brody Hughes, a senior at Churchill County High School, has been named the first-ever recipient of the Tom Dolan Scholarship, a \$10,000 award created by Dolan Auto Group and the Reno Rodeo Foundation to honor the life and legacy of longtime community leader Tom Dolan.

Hughes, who is also a CCHS 2025 co-valedictorian, was selected from a pool of 21 applicants for his academic excellence, leadership experience, and dedication to service. He plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, where he will study economics with the goal of becoming a pilot and commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Growing up near Naval Air Station Fallon, Hughes developed a deep appreciation for the impact of military service.

“I can think of no better position than that of an officer in the Air Force to grant me an amazing opportunity to defend and give back to this great nation,” Hughes wrote in his scholarship essay.

His resume includes leadership roles such as Honor Society secretary, peer tutor, and Federalist Party Chairman at Nevada Boys State. He’s also received multiple academic honors, including two NIAA All-State Academic Team awards.

Brody is also a CCHS 2025 co-valedictorian.

The Tom Dolan Scholarship honors students who reflect the values Dolan was known for—integrity, ambition, and a strong commitment to community. Hughes was recognized during the Reno Rodeo Association Membership Luncheon, held May 15 at the Grand Sierra Resort.

For more information on Dolan Auto Group’s community programs, visit [DolanAutoGroup.com](http://DolanAutoGroup.com).

## Seven Students Awarded Jim Regan Memorial Scholarships



Photo: Couty Commissioner Eric Blakey with scholarship recipients Matthias Loop, Taylynn Maynez, Kelti Koehler, Casi Plaizier, Jesus Sanchez and Commissioners Myles Getto and Matt Hyde during the presentation of the Jim Regan Memorial Scholarships. Not pictured: Emilia Jones and Zoey McCorkle. Photo by Anne McMillin.

Staff Report

Seven local students were recognized May 21 by the Churchill County Board of Commissioners as recipients of the 2025 Jim Regan Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship honors the legacy of former County Commissioner Jim Regan, who passed away unexpectedly in 2000 while still in office. Established by his family, the scholarship fund is supported by proceeds from the annual Jim Regan Memorial Golf Tournament, held each year at the Fallon Golf Course. This year’s tournament is scheduled for Sept. 20.

To qualify, applicants must be Churchill County employees or the dependents of county employees. A total of \$10,750 in scholarships was awarded this year.

The 2025 recipients are pursuing a range of academic and vocational goals:

- Taylynn Maynez received \$2,500 to support her studies in diagnostic medical sonography at
- Great Basin College.

- Emilia Jones was awarded \$2,500 for her dual interests in microbiology, immunology, and wildlife ecology and conservation at the University of Nevada, Reno.
- Zoey McCorkle earned \$1,500 toward her master’s degree in social work at UNR.
- Jesus Sanchez received \$1,500 to assist with his lineman apprenticeship at Northwest Lineman College in Meridian, Idaho.
- Matthias Loop was granted \$1,000 for his training in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration at Truckee Meadows Community College.
- Casi Plaizier earned \$1,000 for her studies in social work and child protective services at UNR.
- Kelti Koehler received \$750 toward an associate degree in graphic design at Western Nevada College.

The annual scholarship program reflects the community’s ongoing support of education and public service, values long associated with Regan’s tenure as commissioner.



COMMUNITY

# Building a NEST-Egg for Your Future

By Nancy Chapman

*The Nevada Employee Savings Trust—referred to as NEST—was established through Senate Bill 305 during the 2023 Legislative Session. The program is designed to help Nevadans save for retirement, particularly those without access to a workplace retirement plan. By automatically enrolling employees and deducting contributions directly from their paychecks, NEST aims to make retirement saving easier and more accessible.*

Business registration is expected to begin in June 2025, with the program set to launch by July 1. At that time, employees will be able to start contributing to their Individual Retirement Accounts, or IRAs, according to Nevada State Treasurer Zach Conine.

Employees will have a default contribution rate of 5% but can choose to increase or decrease the amount based on their financial goals. They will also have a choice of investment options, ranging from conservative to more growth-oriented strategies, depending on their comfort with risk.

As for early withdrawals, employees may take out contributions if permitted under federal law and subject to any applicable early withdrawal penalties.

Employers who do not currently offer a tax-favored workplace retirement plan—such as a 401(k)—are required to participate in NEST if they have six or more employees and have been operating for at least 36 months. The program will contact eligible businesses to assist with registration and provide materials to help educate employees.

One of NEST’s advantages is its simplicity for employers. There’s no cost to participate, and businesses are not responsible for setting up or managing retirement plans. The administrative work—including investment decisions—is handled by the Nevada Employee Savings Trust Board within the Nevada Treasurer’s Office.

Using information provided by employers, eligible employees will be automatically enrolled in the program. Contributions will be deducted from each paycheck and deposited into the employee’s IRA. Workers will be able to manage their accounts, adjust their contributions, opt out if they choose, and access funds when needed—again, in accordance with federal law and withdrawal rules.

For more information or help with the program, email the Nevada Employee Savings Trust at nest@nevadatreasurer.gov.

# Grant Summit in Eureka to Empower Nevada Communities

Staff Report

Nevadans looking to boost their grant-writing skills or tap into new funding opportunities are invited to the Eureka Grant Summit, taking place June 2–4 at the historic Eureka Opera House, located at 31 South Main Street in Eureka, Nevada.

Organized by the Governor’s Office of Federal Assistance and the Nevada Grant Lab, this three-day event brings together grant professionals, state leaders, and local changemakers to help demystify the grant process and support rural and Tribal communities in accessing vital resources.

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Learn from experts about the latest updates from Washington
- Explore strategies for successful grant writing and budgeting
- Connect with peers and partners working to strengthen communities across the state

A special highlight of the summit will be June 4th’s “Tribal Day,” a dedicated day focused on supporting Tribal Nations' grant success. The programming will include tailored workshops and networking aimed at boosting federal funding access for Nevada's Tribal communities.

Registration is now open. Whether you’re new to grants or looking to sharpen your strategy, the Eureka Grant Summit is an opportunity to gain practical tools and build relationships that can lead to lasting community impact.

For more information and to register, visit [Eventbrite.com/e/eureka-grant-summit-tickets](https://Eventbrite.com/e/eureka-grant-summit-tickets) Eureka Grant Summit Tickets, Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite

# Oasis Bighorns at the Capitol

Staff Report





Addison, Reagan, and Gianna at the Nevada State Legislature. Photo courtesy of OACP.

On May 15, Oasis Academy College Prep students Addison, Reagan, and Gianna took part in a significant civic experience by representing their school at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City. Their participation highlights the school's commitment to fostering civic engagement and preparing students to be informed, active members of their communities.

The students' involvement in the legislative process serves as an inspiring example of youth engagement in state governance.

Their visit coincided with the final stages of Nevada's 83rd Legislative Session, which began on February 3 and is scheduled to adjourn on June 2, 2025. As of May 27, the Legislature has introduced 1,194 bills during this session. The students' presence at the Capitol during this critical period underscores the importance of civic education and the role young individuals can play in shaping public policy.

Oasis Academy commends Addison, Reagan, and Gianna for their exemplary representation of the Bighorn Herd and their active participation in the democratic process. Their engagement serves as a testament to the school's dedication to developing responsible and engaged citizens.



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# Flight School at NELC

Staff Report

Mrs. Salazar’s pre-K class at Northside Early Learning Center wrapped up the school year with a little magic in motion—releasing monarch butterflies they had raised from tiny caterpillars. The students watched in wonder as each stage unfolded, from squirmy crawlers to delicate chrysalises, and finally to vibrant butterflies ready to take flight. With small hands outstretched and big eyes full of awe, the class set their winged classmates free into the sunny sky, celebrating both transformation and the joy of letting go.



Mia Gonzalez with her dandelion and butterfly. Photo by Victoria Crystal.



CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Tenth Judicial District Court

Tuesday, May 20, Judge Thomas Stockard presiding

By Teresa Moon

*Zain Paul Arritola* appeared for sentencing on the Category B felony of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor or a Controlled or Prohibited Substance, Third or Subsequent Offense. Defense attorney Karena Dunn said her client has already begun counseling and is a strong candidate for the DUI Diversion Program. “I feel she is a perfect candidate for the diversion program,” Dunn told the court. Judge Thomas Stockard agreed but cautioned her that the program would not be easy, though it was worthwhile. Arritola was placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to complete the DUI Diversion Program.

*Patrick Michael Mineard Jr.* appeared for a hearing on a petition for honorable discharge from probation. Charles Woodman, representing Mineard, said, “The people who we trust to take care of probationers are saying that this man has done what he needs to do,” and asked the court to grant the request. “I’m actually living and loving life now,” Mineard told the judge. Stockard granted the honorable discharge and wished Mineard good luck moving forward.

*Misty Dawn Orpiada*, in custody, appeared for a status hearing. Stockard noted for the record that she failed to appear for a prior hearing but showed up later that day. Court Services reported a presumptive positive drug test the following day. On the day of the hearing, Orpiada tested positive only for THC. Orpiada pleaded guilty to the Category E felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), First or Second Offense, punishable by 1-4 years in prison. Orpiada previously pleaded not guilty in April and declined Drug Court participation, according to Churchill County Deputy Public Defender Hampton Young. Stockard confirmed with Orpiada that she did not wish to enter the Western Nevada Regional Drug Court program, and she explained that she wanted to return home to her family after learning of chronic health conditions. However, after consulting further with Young, she reversed course and agreed to participate in the program and undergo a substance abuse evaluation. Sanford said the state did not oppose Orpiada’s provisional placement into Drug Court and added, “I always am doing the safe and sure path if we’re trying to actually get someone treatment and success.” Orpiada said she was not feeling well and requested release, adding, “I’ve spent most of my life high and I am tired. Your Honor, I’m tired of getting high.” Stockard responded, “My dad once told me that if someone really wanted to punish me, they would give me every wish that I ever had,” explaining that people often want things that are not good for them. Judge Stockard granted her release on her own recognizance (OR) with specific conditions, including drug testing with Court Services and Drug Court attendance the following day. “You could blow this all up. The beauty of this is you’re in control,” Stockard told her.



He ordered Court Services supervision with daily check-ins, random testing, and a substance abuse evaluation. Sentencing was set for June 24.

*Dylan Kiowa Joseph*, in custody, pleaded guilty to the Category C felony of Burglary of a Business, which is punishable by 1–5 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. Charles Woodman, defense counsel for Joseph, asked the court to address his client’s custody status. Court Services Director Brenda Ingram reported that Joseph scored as a moderate risk on the assessment. She noted he is homeless, unemployed, and has an extensive criminal history. Court Services was unable to verify any of his personal information. Joseph’s record reflected 23 misdemeanors, one prior felony, one failure to comply, two failures to pay fines, and five failures to appear. Ingram said he admitted to alcohol use but denied drug use. Woodman argued for an OR release but acknowledged that Joseph understands that failure to appear could result in a consecutive sentence. SDDA Sanford said the state did not oppose release on his own recognizance with Court Services supervision. Stockard granted the release with conditions. He must check in daily, submit to random testing, and will be returned to custody for any violations. A pre-sentence investigation report was ordered, and sentencing was scheduled for July 22. *Steven Henry Gainey*, in Storey County custody, was not present. The case was continued until June 10.

Scott Sent to Prison After Years of Probation Violations

By Teresa Moon

*The Tenth Judicial District Court convened Tuesday, May 20, with Judge Thomas Stockard presiding. Kristin Kay Scott, in custody, appeared for disposition on a non-technical sentencing violation in a case dating back to 2020, which included multiple court hearings, violations, and noncompliance.*

Scott has been under Parole and Probation supervision from the court for five years. At a hearing the prior week, she tested positive for methamphetamine, MDMA, and marijuana. She was found in direct contempt and ordered to serve seven days in the Churchill County Jail. Churchill County Public Defender Jacob Sommer told the court, “We’re asking the court to discharge Ms. Scott dishonorably.” He said the court had warned Scott that noncompliance would bring consequences, and she was currently experiencing those consequences. Sommer said Scott had made progress, noting she consistently appears in court even when she expects serious outcomes. “She is deeply sorry for her behavior. She did not intend to send the message that she is gaming the system and waiting out the clock,” he said. “The Defense has no silver bullet to

explain the behaviors that Ms. Scott has engaged in,” Sommer added. “She knows that her behaviors come with consequences, and that those consequences are sometimes uncomfortable.” He concluded that given how long Scott had been under court supervision, “it is not unreasonable for us to support and ask for the court to discharge her dishonorably.” Scott told the court she accepted responsibility and said, “I’m not trying to get over on the court system at all; it’s just this is how it has fallen in place.” She said she had made a sincere effort over the past year. “I don’t believe I should be necessarily incarcerated for an addiction problem, Your Honor. I do the best that I can... I really thought that I was going to be okay on probation and actually finish through with it... I have actually complied for the most part.” Parole and Probation Officer Graff appeared via Zoom and described Scott as someone who does “the bare minimum... so she can continue on back to her prior life.” He said Scott had a pattern of partial compliance followed by disappearance and then a return to ask for forgiveness. “It’s viciously repeating the cycle,” he said. Senior Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Sanford told the court, “Your Honor, the state could probably spend 45 minutes



Kristin Kay Scott. Photo courtesy of CCSO.

talking about this defendant. About how it is always someone else’s problem.” She said Scott consistently deflects responsibility by framing herself as “just an addict.” Sanford said Scott had been given several opportunities and that everyone involved had gone the extra mile. The state asked for full revocation and prison time. “She’s not going to learn a lesson from this case,” Sanford said. “Let’s be honest, for five years we have been beating this dead horse.” She said the state believes Scott is likely to re-offend and hopes that prison will help her understand that there are consequences. Judge Stockard found Scott in violation of her probation. “The freedom with which you are untruthful with yourself, your probation officer, the Court—it’s rarely been exceeded by anyone sitting before me,” he said. “The amount of resources you’ve wasted, the amount of effort on your part, to get zero benefit because you just don’t get it. It is all gaming.” Stockard imposed the underlying sentence, modifying it to 12–48 months in the Nevada Department of Corrections. “A dishonorable discharge is just not enough for how you behaved in this case,” he said. Scott was remanded to the custody of the Churchill County Sheriff for imposition of sentence.



BUSINESS

# Chamber Luncheon Highlights Workforce Resources for Fallon

Story and photo by Nancy Chapman

*The Fallon Chamber of Commerce hosted its monthly luncheon in May at The Venue, where attendees heard from two guest speakers focused on workforce development and employment services: Michael Hardesty of EmployNV and Alan Christiansen of Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation.*

Michael Hardesty, newly appointed manager of EmployNV (formerly Job Connect), took over the role in April following the retirement of longtime manager Ava Case. Hardesty spoke about the organization’s mission to help both individuals and businesses address workforce challenges and close labor gaps across the state. EmployNV offers a wide range of services designed to assist job seekers at all stages of their employment journey. These services include résumé and cover letter development, mock interviews, employment workshops and direct referrals to job openings. The organization also helps employers find qualified candidates and offers support for recruitment and training needs. Hardesty highlighted EmployNV’s growing collaboration with local school districts to support students—particularly high school juniors and seniors—who are looking for after-school or summer jobs, as well as full-time employment after graduation. The goal is to equip students with the skills, resources and confidence they need to enter the workforce. He also shared details about the Career Enhancement Program, an employer-funded initiative that provides training and re-employment assistance, with priority given to veterans. The program covers a



L-R: Michael Hardesty, Manager Employ NV, Karen Carreon, Employ NV and Alan Christiansen, Manager Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation.

variety of job-related needs, including short-term training, career counseling, work permits, uniforms, and small tools. It is designed to help job seekers improve their earning potential and meet the demands of today’s labor market. EmployNV operates offices throughout Nevada, including locations in Carson City, Reno, Sparks, Henderson, Las Vegas, and North Las Vegas. Rural offices are available in Fallon, Fernley, Elko, Ely and Winnemucca. Those interested in services can visit the Fallon office at 121 Industrial Way, call 775-423-5115 or go online to

[www.employnv.gov](http://www.employnv.gov). The second speaker, Alan Christiansen, manages Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation, a division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) and a partner of the American Job Center of Nevada. He explained that the program is designed to support people with disabilities in preparing for, obtaining and maintaining employment. Vocational Rehabilitation offers individualized counseling, job training, workplace support and financial assistance for job-related expenses such as tools, equipment and occupational licenses. Christiansen emphasized that the program also assists those who have been injured or are no longer able to continue in their previous line of work. In addition, the agency provides programs for older individuals who are visually impaired or blind. These services focus on maintaining independence and enhancing quality of life, including continued employment when possible. For more information on Vocational Rehabilitation services, visit [www.vrnevada.org](http://www.vrnevada.org) or [www.nvdetr.org](http://www.nvdetr.org), call 775-423-6568, or stop by their Fallon location at 121 Industrial Way.

EDUCATION

# Veritas Kicks Off Final Week with Celebration of Achievement

By Assistant Headmaster David Ernst with photo courtesy of Veritas

On Monday, May 19, Veritas began its final week of the school year with a celebratory “bang.” The day opened with the last awards ceremony of the year. Students who earned straight A’s or a combination of A’s and no more than two B’s for the third quarter were recognized on the A or A/B honor roll. This achievement is particularly noteworthy given the school’s high academic standards. Outstanding students in each class were also honored with the Second Semester Diligence Award. This award recognizes those who best embody the Veritas ethos—exemplifying Christ-likeness, tenacity, perseverance, and humility. The recipients of the Second Semester Diligence Award were Sonora McInturff, Sophie Mikulak, Mercedes Martinez, Penny LaValley, Charlotte Garcia, Teagan deBraga, and Jack Tucker. The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the prestigious Veritas Ethos Award. This award is given to one student in grades 3 through 8 who represents the very best of Veritas. Uniquely, both teachers and students participate in the selection process. Students must vote and provide written reasons for their choices. This year’s recipient was seventh-grade student Adam Mikulak. Later that evening, students, teachers, and families gathered on the school field for an end-of-the-year picnic. Families shared food, played games, and enjoyed time to relax and connect with one



4th Quarter Awards for Diligence.

another. The event also served as a heartfelt farewell to several military families who will be relocating over the summer. Veritas has been honored to know and serve these students and their loved ones, and the entire school community wishes them every blessing and success at their new duty stations. As the school year draws to a close, Veritas thanks God for a year of growth, learning, and community—and looks forward with anticipation to the year ahead!

# Logos Christian Academy

## Logos Graduates Celebrate Growth, Gratitude, and God’s Plans

Story and photo courtesy of Logos



Logos graduating 8th graders.



Older Logos students escort younger K and Jr. K graduates to the stage.

Staff Report

Logos Christian Academy in Fallon celebrated a joyful day of milestones on Thursday with not one, but two graduation ceremonies. The day began with a cheerful send-off for our Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, marking the end of an exciting year filled with learning, growth, and plenty of fun. Families gathered to honor these little learners as they took the next step in their academic journeys, smiling from ear to ear in their caps and gowns. Later in the evening, we honored our 8th grade graduates with a heartfelt ceremony full of laughter, tears, and gratitude. This special class was celebrated for their accomplishments, character, and the bright futures ahead. A surprise guest speaker, Tiffany Mora, made the journey all the way from Kansas to offer words of encouragement and inspiration. As these students prepare for high school, they go with our love, support, and trust in the great plans the Lord has for each of them.



EDUCATION

CCSD Cool School News

Compiled by Kaitlin Ritchie with photos courtesy of CCSD.

School’s Out for Summer  
Celebrating a Year of Growth, Achievement, and Making an Impact

By Derild Parsons, Superintendent, Churchill County School District

With the final bell now behind us and classrooms packed up for summer, it's a perfect time to pause and reflect on the incredible journey we've completed together here in Churchill County School District during the 2024-2025 school year.

Last week was one filled with joy, laughter, and well-earned celebrations. Our schools held field days, students took trips to the park, toured the schools they will move to next year, cleaned out desks, and said their final farewells for the summer. From Kindergarten graduation, to the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, to the WNC Graduation, to the Adult Education graduation, and then the unforgettable commencement ceremony for the Churchill County High School Class of 2025 – the spirit of accomplishment was everywhere.

What a remarkable year it was. Our students consistently amazed us with their resilience, passion, and drive to succeed. Whether in classrooms, on stages, on the field, or through community engagement, we've seen young students grow in confidence and capability, pushing boundaries and embracing new challenges. Some are moving on to different schools next year, and many are heading off to exciting next chapters such as college, trade school, the military, or a career.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering dedication of our teachers and staff. Who have once again gone above and beyond, showing our students daily that they can do hard things and accomplish great things. They have created a nurturing and empowering environment where students feel seen, supported, and inspired. They are making an impact - not just in the classroom, but in the lives and futures of every student.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement is key to the strength of our school community, and we deeply appreciate the role you play in your child's education.



LES students greeted visiting CCHS graduates—dressed in their caps and gowns—with smiles and cheers.

As we head into summer, I encourage all our students to enjoy some well-earned rest and explore new interests. Whether it's diving into a good book, discovering the natural beauty of our community, spending time with loved ones, or picking up a new hobby, remember that learning doesn't end with the school year. Every moment is a chance to grow #AlwaysLearning

We are already looking ahead to the next school year with excitement and optimism. We remain deeply committed to providing high-quality learning experiences that prepare every student to reach their full potential. We will continue to build a culture where all students are challenged, supported, and inspired to thrive.

Thank you again for a wonderful school year. Enjoy your summer break, and we'll see you in August, rested, recharged, and ready for another year of learning, growing, and making an impact.

Bighorn Bulletin

By Angela Viera with photos courtesy of Oasis Academy.

WE THE PEOPLE MOCK CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

Fifth, seventh, and eighth grade students participated in mock congressional hearings through the We the People program on Wednesday, March 14, at the Churchill County District Court.

That afternoon, students simulated congressional committee hearings and demonstrated their knowledge of American constitutional principles and history. Acting as expert witnesses, they prepared and presented answers to questions posed by a panel of lawyers.

Oasis Academy is thankful to Churchill County, as well as attorneys Joe and Chelsea Sanford and Jeff Weed, for helping provide students with a hands-on, real-life experience. The school is also grateful to Denise Paxton from the NvCCE for her guidance and support during the hearings.

“Watching our students under pressure, expressing the knowledge they gained from the We the People program, was incredibly heart-warming,” said Kelly Nott.



Tatum Papada, Emma Cline, and Alexa Hessey at mock hearing.



Mock congressional hearings at District Court, Amber Revels, Kelly Nott, and Tami McNeill.

While the high school has had the We the People program for several years, this is the first year it has been implemented in elementary and middle schools. The content will now flow more seamlessly as students transition into higher grades.



Field day fun, Anthony Rodriguez, Ryan Renfro, and Greyson Diaz.

OASIS CELEBRATES THE LAST SCHOOL DAY WITH JOYFUL FIELD DAY FESTIVITIES

Oasis Academy marked the end of the school year with its much-anticipated year-end activities.

For students in kindergarten through sixth grade, the Oasis Academy playground transformed into a vibrant festival. Children enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including riding a mechanical surfboard, climbing a rock wall, bouncing and sliding on inflatable houses, participating in the dunk tank, jumping on trampolines, and so much more.

Sweet treats were plentiful, with cotton candy and snow cones available throughout the morning. To help students beat the heat, the Churchill County Fire Department provided a fire hose sprinkler, adding an extra splash of excitement to the festivities.

Field Day festivities were made possible and coordinated by the parent organization Friends of Oasis Academy.

Seventh and eighth graders continued their last-day tradition at the Churchill County Indoor Swimming Pool, where they splashed and played to kick off the morning.

After swimming, students kept the fun going with bounce houses provided by Louie's Ace Hardware, a barbecue, and ice cream from Kim's Kool Treats—making the day both active and delicious.

Middle school activities were funded by Friends of Oasis Academy and the Middle School Student Council.

High school students celebrated their last day by heading to Top Gun Skate, where they spent the morning skating and enjoying pizza with friends, capping off the school year with camaraderie and fun.

Thank you to all the supporters from Friends of Oasis Academy and the businesses that helped make the students' last day a memorable one!



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## So Long CCHS Seniors, Thanks for an Amazing Baseball Season



Photo courtesy of CCHS Greenwave Baseball.

*Congratulations to the Greenwave Baseball Team’s 10 graduating seniors, Anthony Juarez, Luis Lopez, Mason Storm, Nathaniel Zackery, Tony Gonzales, Eric Cornejo, Chase Carnahan, Evan Giovanetti, James Kelsey, Trevor Hyde. Thanks for all your hard work and good luck in all your future endeavors.*

## CCYSA Wraps Up 2025 Season



Information and photo courtesy of CCYSA

*Churchill County Youth Softball Association rounded out its 2025 regular season this month. Before the season tournament, which took place May 12–16, the first-place teams were as follows:*

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| <b>8U: First Place</b>  | Kent’s Supply;         |
| <b>Second Place</b>     | Dandelion Express      |
| <b>10U: First Place</b> | Hammond Homes;         |
| <b>Second Place</b>     | Barrett Financial      |
| <b>12U: First Place</b> | Grouchy’s Barber Shop; |
| <b>Second Place</b>     | Dandelion Express      |
| <b>16U: First Place</b> | The Dentists’ Office;  |
| <b>Second Place</b>     | Tedford Tire           |

After a fast and fun week-long postseason tournament, the 2025 CCYSO softball season ended with closing ceremonies and a big thank-you to all the great coaches, umpires, sponsors, board members, field prep crew, and snack bar team. CCYSO also thanked Technix Sound and Lighting for handling the audio.

Congratulations to the 10U tournament winners, Hammond Homes Highlighters, who also topped their bracket during the regular season. Congratulations as well to the 8U, 12U, and 16U winning teams. More standings will be released as they become available.

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Nick Delgado  
24 years old  
Testicular Cancer

LeAnne Wallace  
16 years old  
Leukemia



COLUMNS

What’s Cooking in Kelli’s Kitchen:  
It’s Soft-Shell Season, Fallon—Let’s Cook

By Kelli Kelly

*It’s been a few weeks since the debut, but if you haven’t stopped by to check out the new meat counter at Safeway, consider this your invitation! While I, of course, advocate for supporting our small, locally owned food retailers like Momma’s Meat Company and the neighboring International Market, Safeway’s meat counter is a solid fallback option in a pinch—or on a Sunday.*



Kellis Kitchen Soft-Shell Crab Sandwich. Photo by Vicky Wasik.

Over the last few months, Safeway has been busy with upgrades—first, refrigerated sections got doors, then came a whole new dairy section, and now they’ve expanded the displays in the butcher shop. The displays are new, and our Fallon Safeway has increased its product offerings. Just this week, I spied some soft-shell crabs, pre-cleaned and waiting for adventurous customers to take the bait. The “soft-shell” stage of the blue crab’s life occurs when it has outgrown and shed its hard exterior. Sometime between May and September, blue crabs molt by absorbing enough water to crack their protective carapace. What emerges is a defenseless creature that hides until it can re-form its shell by absorbing calcium from ocean water. During this brief window, soft-shell crabs are tender, flavorful, and easy to prepare—just snip off the face, remove the gills and apron, and they’re ready to cook. Fortunately, the kind folks at Safeway have done the cleaning for you. So—on to the recipes!

The Classic Fried Soft-Shell Crab Sandwich

Adapted from Daniel Gritzer

Ingredients:

- 2 sticks Butter (I prefer unsalted but either will do) room temperature
- Peanut, vegetable, or canola oil, for frying
- 1 cup All-purpose flour, divided
- 1/4 cup Cornstarch
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- Large pinch paprika
- 4 large soft-shell crabs, preferably jumbo or “whale” size, cleaned
- 6 oz. light beer
- 4 toasted soft burger buns
- Mayonnaise, tartar sauce, or remoulade, for serving
- Shredded iceberg or romaine lettuce, for serving
- Thinly sliced tomato, for serving

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large cast-iron or stainless steel skillet, preheat about 1/2 inch of oil to 350°F. In a medium bowl, combine 1/2 cup flour with cornstarch, 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, baking powder, and paprika. Whisk to combine. Place the remaining 1/2 cup flour in a shallow bowl.
2. Toss crabs in the plain flour. Add beer to the flour-cornstarch mixture and whisk until a batter forms—it’s fine if some small lumps remain.
3. Working one at a time, dip each crab in batter and carefully lower into hot oil. Repeat with remaining crabs.
4. Fry, turning once, until golden and crisp, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to paper towels and sprinkle with salt.
5. Spread your choice of sauce on each bun. Add lettuce, tomato, and one crab per sandwich. Serve right away.

The Classic Fried Soft-Shell Crab Sandwich

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup All-purpose flour
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 Large soft-shell crabs, preferably jumbo or “whale” size, cleaned
- 1 stick Unsalted butter, divided
- 1 tbsp. Drained capers
- 2 tbsp. Fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. Minced flat-leaf parsley

DIRECTIONS:

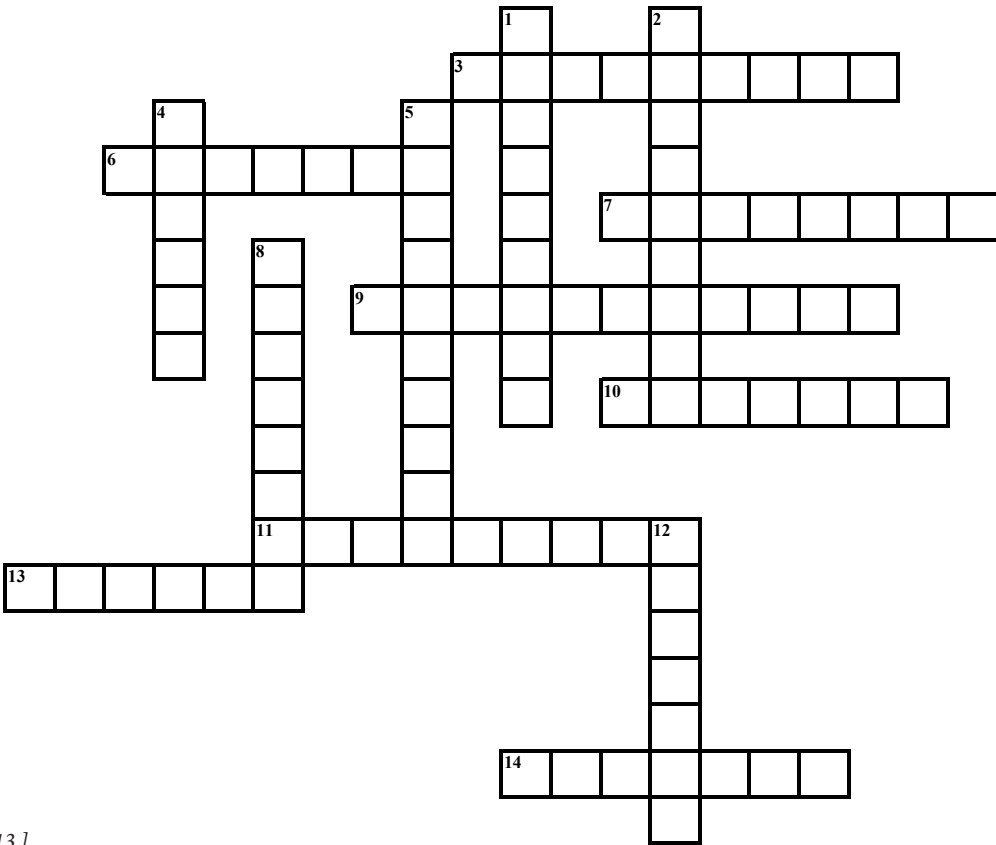
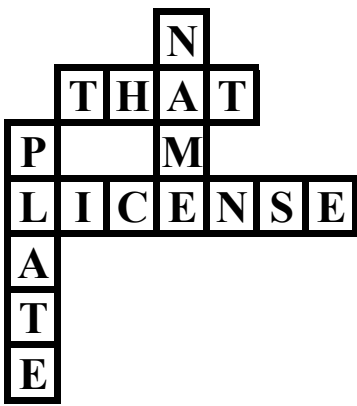
1. Season flour with salt and pepper. Lightly dredge the crabs in flour.
2. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in a sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add crabs, shell-side down, and cook until browned, about 3 minutes. Flip and cook 3 minutes more. Transfer to paper towels and season with salt.
3. Add remaining 4 tablespoons butter to the pan. Cook over medium heat until browned, about 2 minutes.
4. Add capers and cook until crisped, about 1 minute. Stir in lemon juice and remove from heat.
5. Stir in parsley, adjust salt as needed. Spoon sauce over crabs and serve immediately.



Kelli Kelly, Slinger of Produce. Slurper of Dumplings. Person of the Bean.

Crossword

By Peanut



Across

3. Land of enchantment
6. Sunshine state
7. Bluegrass state
9. Birthplace of America's music
10. Excelsior state
11. Land of 10,000 lakes
13. Silver state
14. Green Mountain state

Down

1. Garden state
2. Volunteer state
4. The last frontier
5. Evergreen state
8. Native American
12. Heart of Dixie

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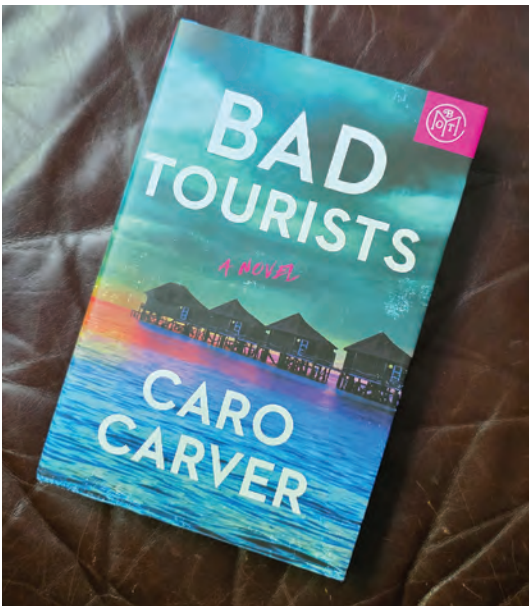
Allison’s Book Report  
“Bad Tourists” by Caro Carver

By Allison Diegel

School is out, the weather is heating up, and summer is in full swing. Whether you're hanging out at the pool or the lake, taking a road trip or a long plane ride, or just chilling in the air-conditioned comfort of home, you are definitely going to need a book to read!

If you like white-knuckle thrillers, this week's book, “Bad Tourists” by Caro Carver, just might be the one for you. Alright, buckle up, because “Bad Tourists” by Caro Carver sounds like your next vacation read—if your idea of relaxing involves chilling with a side of murder. Three best friends—Darcy, Camilla, and Kate—decide to celebrate Darcy's fresh divorce with a super swanky, all-expenses-paid trip to a luxurious resort in the Maldives. White sands, clear waters, endless cocktails—the perfect escape. Except, these aren't just any friends. Their bond is actually rooted in a pretty dark shared history: a brutal mass murder that happened over two decades ago. Kate was the sole survivor, Camilla lost her twin brother, and Darcy's boyfriend was among the victims. So, they've got some serious baggage (literally and figuratively) on this “relaxing” getaway. They're trying to unwind and embrace new chapters—Darcy learning to be free, Camilla perfecting her wellness influencer persona, and Kate

finally tackling her book. But paradise quickly starts to unravel. They meet some other guests, including a newlywed named Jade who's clearly in an abusive situation with her husband. Then, to really mess up the vibe, a body turns up on the beach. Suddenly, their dream retreat turns into a nightmare. As the body count potentially rises (or at least the fear of it), the women start wondering if the killer from their past is somehow involved, or if a new menace is lurking in paradise. Secrets spill, loyalties are tested, and it becomes clear that not everyone at this resort is who they seem—including the friends themselves. It’s a twisty, turny ride that makes you question everything about friendship, trust, and how much a traumatic past can really define your present. Bad Tourists is a locked-room mystery with stunning views and seriously sinister undertones. You'll be guessing who's next and who's truly responsible right up until the shocking end! Whether you're doing your reading this week while sitting poolside or just from your couch, I know you will enjoy this one. Summertime is the perfect time for relaxing and reading, wherever you are. Pop over to my Instagram @allison.the.reader for more recommendations and maybe to tell me about your perfect summer reads—maybe you will see some of them right here in a future Book Report.



Allison Diegel is the Executive Chaos Coordinator at the Diegel Home for Wayward Girls. She has been reading since before she could talk, and now she likes doing lots of both.

Case No.: 25-10DC-0183  
The undersigned hereby affirms this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

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**SUMMONS**

DALE N. WAGNER, an Individual, Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
CHURCHILL COUNTY TREASURER, DOES I-X, inclusive, and any and all persons claiming any right title or interest in the real property, which parcel is more particularly described as: APN 010-235-17,

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b. Serve a copy of your answer upon the attorney or Plaintiff whose name and address is shown below.  
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Monday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Parks & Recreation  
Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners  
Interviews for County Manager Position  
Wednesday, June 4 at 8 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners  
Thursday, June 5 at 8:15 a.m.

Highway Commissioners  
Thursday, June 5 at 1:15 p.m.

CC Communications  
Thursday, June 5 at 1:45 p.m.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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PostCards: Royal Don Crook—A Man with a Plan

By Michon Mackedon

POSTCARD: Ernie Schank sent me a Postcard memorializing Royal Don Crook. Please send me your own view of someone, or some place, that you feel should be recognized. My email is mackedon@phonewave.net.

This is a photo of Royal Don Crook, 1903-1985. Mr. Crook was educated at Cornell and came to Nevada, in 1930, by way of Utah. He was hired as an Extension Agent in White Pine County. In 1932, he arrived in Fallon to serve as County Extension Agent in Churchill and Lyon Counties. On his retirement from Extension in 1946, the following was written about the difficulty of Mr. Crook’s assignment. It was published in the Extension Service Review for June-July 1946: “For one thing the depression was then at its worst. For another, there were many disgruntled people on the project, and a well-knit community had yet to be created. For still another, Crook was the Department of Agriculture there, as no other agencies were then operating locally, the banks were failing, and wilt was attacking the alfalfa. Few county agents ever faced such discouraging prospects at the start of their work. But Crook knew irrigation farming; he knew



how to meet farmers on common ground, and he could successfully bridge the gap between research and practice. So he sat down and made a plan. In putting his plan into execution, Crook threw the entire book of methods at his counties. He promoted pastures, fought wilt, helped organize cooperatives and effect dairy-barn improvement, and fostered cow testing. First of all, Crook arranged to have Government farm loans written for many of his clients. Next, he saw that pasture and higher milk yields must be promoted to replace this exclusive feeding with alfalfa hay. He called in the Bureau of Plant Industry to help conquer alfalfa wilt. But above all, he saw that high-production dairy herds could never be built up so long as they were dispersed whenever it paid better to sell [the cows] than to feed [high-priced] alfalfa hay. Probably few county agents have ever so fully achieved the definite plan they made for their territory in the beginning.”

I was privileged to have grown up around this fine man and his family. He and my grandfather, L. C. Schank, who was the Agriculture Education teacher at CCHS, worked on many projects together. They purchased the Moore Ranch and entered into ag production while continuing in their professional careers. Royal was our neigh-



bor, and I spent many hours working for him. His eyesight failed him, which caused an early retirement from the Extension Service, but that didn't stop his success as a producing dairy farmer. Hats off to Royal D. Crook and his wife, Willmuth, true pioneers in this valley who helped create the wonderful agricultural community we live in and enjoy today!

Michon Mackedon is a native of Fallon and a retired professor of English and Humanities (WNC). She loves her family, her home, her dog, reading, writing, making good food, and sipping a glass of fine white wine. Beyond that, she refuses to be categorized.

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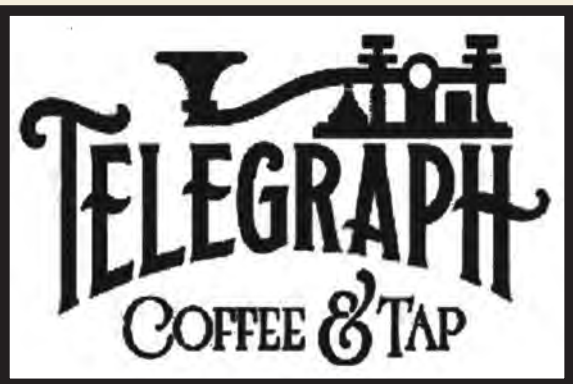
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